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IN RE THE APPLICATION OF:

SERIAL NO. : 10/789,509  
 DATE FILED : February 27, 2004  
 FOR : GAS-ASSISTED ELECTROSURGICAL ACCESSORY CONNECTOR AND METHOD WITH IMPROVED GAS SEALING AND BIASING FOR MAINTAINING A GAS TIGHT SEAL

Mail Stop Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

TRANSMITTED HERewith ARE THE FOLLOWING:

☒ Amendment and Response to Final Office Action

FEES HAVE BEEN CALCULATED AS SHOWN BELOW:

	(COL. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(COL. 2) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(COL. 3) PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY			LARGE ENTITY	
				RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL:	*35	- 41	**0	X \$25 =	\$0.00	OR	X \$50 =	\$0.00
INDEP:	*6	- 8	***0	X \$100 =	\$0.00	OR	X \$200 =	\$0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS				+ \$180 =		OR	+ \$360 =	
ADDITIONAL FEES				TOTAL:	\$0.00	OR	TOTAL:	\$0.00

\*IF THE ENTRY IN COL. 1 IS LESS THAN THE ENTRY IN COL. 2, WRITE "0" IN COL. 3.

\*\*IF THE "HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" IN THIS SPACE IS LESS THAN 20, WRITE "20" IN THIS SPACE.

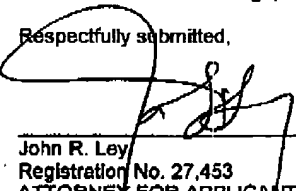
\*\*\*IF THE "HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" IN THIS SPACE IS LESS THAN 3, WRITE "3" IN THIS SPACE.

THE "HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" (TOTAL OR INDEPENDENT) IS THE HIGHEST NUMBER FOUND FROM THE EQUIVALENT BOX IN COL. 1 OF A PRIOR AMENDMENT OR THE NUMBER OF CLAIMS ORIGINALLY FILED.

- ☐ A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$\_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE ADDITIONAL FEES IS ENCLOSED.
- ☐ A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$\_\_\_\_\_ TO COVER THE PETITION FEE IS ENCLOSED.
- ☐ A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$\_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE ADDITIONAL FEES AND PETITION FEE IS ENCLOSED.
- ☒ THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY FEE DEFICIENCIES OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS COMMUNICATION TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 12-1087. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED.
- ☒ ANY FILING FEES UNDER 37 CFR 1.16 FOR THE PRESENTATION OF EXTRA CLAIMS.
- ☒ ANY PATENT APPLICATION PROCESSING FEES UNDER 37 CFR 1.17.

Dated at Greenwood Village, Colorado, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**PATENT**  
**Attorney Docket No. 24.354**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventor : Wayne J. Gonnering  
Serial No. : 10/789, 509  
Filed : February 27, 2004  
Title : Gas-Assisted Electrosurgical Accessory Connector and  
Method with Improved Gas Sealing and Biasing for  
Maintaining a Gas Tight Seal  
Group Art Unit : 3739  
Confirmation No. : 9088  
Examiner : Michael F. Peffley

**Amendment and Response to Final Office Action  
under 37 CFR 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed December 28, 2006, please amend the application as set forth below.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 1, 4 and 22-25.

Amend claims 2, 3 and 5-10.

A listing of the claims with markings to indicate status and amendments is presented in Part 1.

**REMARKS:**

Comments regarding the above amendments and the December 28 final Office Action are presented in Part 2.